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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 March 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 5-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 5-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 3/7/2008 with respect to claims 1-3, 5-21 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-3, 5-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Parulski et al. (US 5,900,909) in view of Wyman (US 7,110,027).

Regarding claim 1, Parulski discloses an imaging system (Fig. 2 and abstract) comprising:

an image capture system (Fig. 2) configured to capture a plurality of frames (a burst of images as shown in Fig. 6; col. 5, lines 60-65);

a sequence data generating system (camera control 38 and processor 22 in Fig. 2) for generating data indicative of frame position (image number) of each of the plurality of frames (Fig. 6);

an orientation sensor (40) configured to provide orientation information (e.g., landscape or portrait orientation) for each of the plurality of frames at the time each frame is captured, the orientation information comprising rotational information of said image capture system between a portrait and a landscape orientation (Fig. 2 & 6; col. 3, line 60 – col. 4, line 10 and col. 5, lines 40-65);

a processor (22) configured to incorporate the orientation information and sequence data into each frame (see Fig. 6 and col. 5, lines 40-65);

a display (34) configured to display each frame using the orientation information, such that the displayed frame is oriented the same as an orientation of the image capture system when the frame was captured (Fig. 2 and col. 5, lines 40-65).

Although Parulski discloses an imaging system that is capable of capturing a burst of images as well as displaying the images, Parulski does not explicitly disclose capturing a plurality of images of *a video clip*.

However, it is well recognized by Wyman that a video system is capable of extracting one or more still images from a sequence of video frames (i.e., 10 second video clip) to produce high resolution still images so that the video system can record not only motion video clip but also a plurality of still images from the motion video clip, thereby improving integration and functions of a camera as taught in col. 1, line 62 - col. 2, line 37.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the camera system in Parulski to include teaching of Wyman for capturing a plurality of frames of a video clip in addition to the frame orientations of Parulski so that the camera

system would record not only motion video clip but also a plurality of still images from the motion video clip, thereby improving integration and functions of a camera as taught by Wyman above.

Regarding claim 2, Parulski also discloses that the orientation information resides in a frame heard of each frame (see Fig. 6 and col. 5, lines 40-65).

Regarding claim 3, Parulski further discloses a memory (memory 24 and/or RAM 52) configured to receive each frame wherein the orientation information resides (Figs. 2 & 6 and col. 5, lines 40-65).

Regarding claims 5 & 6, these method claims are also met by the analysis of claim 1.

Regarding claim 7, this claim is also met by the analysis of claim 2.

Regarding claim 8, it is also seen in Parulski that the step of incorporating the orientation information comprises incorporating the orientation information into the frame as a file (Fig. 6 and col. 6, lines 5-24).

Regarding claim 9, also disclosed by Parulski is that the step of incorporating the orientation information comprises incorporating the orientation information into the image data (see col. 5, line 40 - col. 6, line 24).

Regarding claim 10, Parulski in view of Wyman also discloses the step of saving the frame to a memory comprising a plurality of serially sequenced frames corresponding to the video clip (see Wyman, col. 2, lines 8-37 and Fig. 6 of Parulski).

Regarding claim 11, this method claim is also met by the analysis of claim 1.

Regarding claim 12, as seen from Figs. 2 & 6 and col. 6, lines 5-24 in Parulski, the method further comprises the step of selecting the frame (user selects a desired frame on the computer 28 to view or edit) from a plurality of serially sequenced frames corresponding to the video clip (note claim 1 for combination of Parulski and Wyman for a video clip).

Regarding claim 13, Parulski clearly discloses the step of retrieving the orientation information from a header of the frame (see col. 6, lines 5-24).

Regarding claim 14, also disclosed by Parulski is retrieving the frame from a memory (col. 6, lines 5-24).

Regarding claim 15, Parulski further discloses communicating the frame from an image capture device to a processing device (i.e., a computer 28 in Fig. 2); and displaying the frame on a display (34) coupled to the processing device (see col. 6, lines 5-24).

Regarding claim 16, it is also seen in col. 3, lines 54-59 in Parulski that the frame is displayed on a display (34) coupled (via cable) to the image capture device.

Regarding claim 17, this claim is also met by the analyses of claims 1-3 in which the orientation is incorporated into the frame header and stored in the memory of the camera.

Regarding claim 18, Parulski discloses a means (combined 36, 38 and 22) for generating orientation information (landscape or portrait) from the orientation of the image capture device such that the orientation information is incorporated into the frame (see Fig. 6 and col. 5, line 40 – col. 6, line 24).

Regarding claim 19, this claim is also met by the analysis of claim 2.

Regarding claims 20 & 21, the combined teaching of Parulski and Wyman as discussed in claims 1, 5 & 11 also discloses a computer-readable medium (memory)

embodied with a computer program for performing the steps of claims 20 and 21 (see Parulski, col. 4, lines 35-40 and Wyman, col. 3, lines 22-25 and col. 3, lines 62-65).

Conclusion

3. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NHAN T. TRAN whose telephone number is (571)272-7371. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Ometz can be reached on (571) 272-7593. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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